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Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman Goodlatte:

This is in reply to your letter of April 1, 1994, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Chief G. L. Wells, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represented our best judgment at that stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals, plus a discussion paper released March 1, 1993. Questions 8 and 16 of the discussion paper concern modification of equipment and power, respectively. In sum, the final rules will take the financial impact on public safety agencies into account and provide them with a reasonable time frame to effect a smooth transition.

Thank you for your interest in this proceeding. We expect to issue final rules in late summer. If Chief Wells has further questions, please have him contact Dr. Doron Fertig of my staff at (202) 632-6497.

Sincerely,

*Edward R. Jacobs*

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## House of Representatives

April 1, 1994

Ms. Lauren J. Belzin  
Acting Director, Legislative Affairs  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 808  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Belzin:

Enclosed herewith, please find a memorandum prepared by my Staunton District Representative on behalf of my constituent, G.L. Wells, Chief of Police of the City of Staunton, Virginia, who has expressed concerns about refarming of radio bands.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and providing me with a response for my constituent. Please mail your response to my Staunton office at the address listed below.

Thank you for your assistance.

With kind regards.

Very truly yours,

Bob Goodlatte  
Member of Congress

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FROM: Pete Larkin, District Representative *PL*

DATE: April 1, 1994

RE: City of Staunton case

On Tuesday, March 29 the Staunton office received information from Staunton City Manager Bernie Murphy regarding refarming of radio bands by the Federal Communications Commission. The information has been forwarded to Mr. Murphy by Police Chief G.L. Wells.

Chief Wells says he has spoken to the city's representative with Motorola, who advised him that the FCC continues to move forward with refarming in the 150 to 512 MHz band. Chief Wells says he would like to know when the regulations will be finalized and when users will be required to comply.

Chief Wells says the refarming will require the city to replace all UHF radio equipment, since none of the city's radio equipment is capable of operating in the 12.5 KHz band width. He says the city may also have to lower the antenna on the city's tower and reduce power, meaning the city would have erect a new tower and add a repeater, or move the present tower. Chief Wells says he is concerned about the cost of replacing the equipment and having to modify the tower.